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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, UY
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CASE

REFERENCE: STATE 031809

1. WE DO NOT HAVE THE NAME OF THE PERSON CONCERNED. AS YOU ARE AWARE, AMBASSADOR USED THIS CASE, WHICH HAD BEEN RECOUNTED TO HIM BY A FRIEND, SIMPLY AS AN ILLUSTRATION IN TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS ABOUT THE KINDS OF PROCEDURES WHICH SUBJECT URUGUAY TO JUSTIFIABLY CRITICISM AT LEAST FOR INSENSITIVITY. THE PERSON CONCERNED, ACCORDING TO WHAT WE UNDERSTAND WAS ARRESTED DURING THE ANTI-COMMUNIST DRIVE SOME MONTHS AGO AND REMANDED TO LA LIBERTAD. THE ISSUE REPORTED WAS THAT AFTER HE SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK (REPORTEDLY DUE TO UPSET OVER HIS FAMILY'S FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR CHRISTMAS VISIT) HE WAS SENT TO A HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT AND WHILE THERE IN THIS CONDITION HE WAS NOT ALLOWED FAMILY VISITS.

2. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HIS ETHNIC ORIGIN HAS ANY RELEVANCE IN HIS CASE. THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION THAT URUGUAY IS LARGELY FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE AND RELIGION IS CORRECT.

3. THE ONLY REASON WE SENT MVD 0525 WAS TO UPDATE THE RECORD BY SHOWING A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THIS CASE; (PREVIOUSLY USED BY THE AMBASSADOR AS ILLUSTRATIVE IN TRYING TO INFLUENCE THE URU-
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GUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS HERE) I.E., THE INFORMATION THAT THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN ORDERED RELEASED BY MILITARY JUDGE. THE REASON THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THE CASE TO THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WAS BECAUSE AN URUGUAYAN JEW WAS INVOLVED AND BECAUSE HE THOUGHT, CORRECTLY, THAT THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR MIGHT BE WILLING TO SPEAK TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH WHOM HE HAS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. THE SUBJECT'S WIFE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR WOULD SEE HER IF SHE WISHED BUT WILL PROBABLY
NOT GO TO HIM IN VIEW OF THE FAVORABLE ORDER REPORTEDLY GIVEN BY
THE JUDGE.
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